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There is no charge for **Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found,** and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month.

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Dear Editor

Can someone please explain to me why a footpath was not laid *all* the way around the perimeter road of Bar Hill when they were doing it? Why, say, does Hillcrest to Watermead warrant a section of footpath and Fieldview to Stonefield doesn't?.

I walk my dog around the perimeter road each day – too many run-in's with idiots with badly behaved dogs off leads if I use the Drift – and you have the option of walking on the grass or walking on the side of the road risking it with passing cars (some going well over the permitted 40 mph). It's not too bad in the summer but during winter months when the grass becomes wet and boggy, and it's dark, it's awful.

So many people use the perimeter road for walking (including young mothers with prams or pushchairs having to walk in the road) so it seems ridiculous to me that a big busy village like ours doesn't have a full footpath around it while there's a full footpath through from Oakington to Histon which isn't used by half as many people.

Miss Jennifer C

When Bar Hill was built 40 years ago the developers designed it so that residents could walk or cycle within the village without the need to become involved with roads. I should not think for a minute that they thought that 40 years later there would be people walking their dogs or jogging who wanted to walk/jog around the village instead of within it.

When the Parish Council received money from Tesco for the sale of 2 small pieces of land, they asked the residents how they wanted the Council to spend the money. A refurbished village hall was top of the list and footpaths came quite close to the top. The Parish Council obtained estimates – the County Council would not fund any footpaths around the village – and the cost for footpaths all the way around the village (8 years ago) was in the region of £250,000. This would have eaten quite a large hole in the money the Council received and would have meant that we could only have done the footpaths and the village hall, but residents had several other priorities – 10 in all.

The Parish Council decided to compromise and put footpaths to letter boxes and bus stops – at a cost of just over £100,000. This is the reason why some areas have footpaths and others don't. At the moment the Parish Council has no plans to have any more footpaths because of the cost.

The footpath from Oakington to Histon which you mention was put in with experimental lighting (as I understand it) so that people could cycle along it.

Margaret Sellars

Chairman Parish Council

Dear Editor

As a resident of the village and a frequent user of the village perimeter road on a daily basis, I have a request to the people who use the road in the mornings/evenings during winter months for dogwalking/jogging. "PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF VISIBLE" by wearing highly reflective clothing and moreover MOVE AWAY from the oncoming traffic path.

It is very difficult to spot these people and to go past them safely when there is traffic from the opposite side. I hope other drivers have felt the same too.

A Pallan

Dear Editor

Now that there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, may I, as an ex-member of some 16 years, invite both Rod Bishop and Brian Webb to apply for the position. I feel sure that their own perceived interactive management skills, knowledge and expertise would bring challenging new ideas to the benefit of all residents.

Michael Boughton-Fox

Dear Editor

I could not agree more with Mr Webb when he says we should stick to facts when it comes to the problem of HGV's in and around the village. If he were to take his own advice he would find the Parish Council is doing exactly what he suggests and is taking what action it can and will, I'm sure, continue to do so to try and resolve the problem for the whole village.

Different areas of the village need different solutions to address the problem, hence the double yellow lines idea for the Gladeside/Robin Close area and, as Margaret Sellars has pointed out, "pinch points" and/or zonal area ideas are under consideration to try and deal with the problems in other areas of the village. For Mr Webb's information, "pinch points" and/or zonal area ideas were under discussion BEFORE the double yellow lines idea was considered, which makes nonsense of his implication that the Gladeside/Robin Close area appears to be receiving preferential treatment.

I am at a loss to know what he expects the Parish Council to do with his communications and photos other than note and file them for reference to support representations to the relevant authorities. They haven't been filed in the wastepaper basket and forgotten as he seems to be implying.

As for his complaint that the minutes of the 18 September meeting of the Parish Council had not been published by early October it shows his lack of knowledge of basic meeting procedure. Before any minutes can be released for public scrutiny they have to be approved as a true and correct record by the full Parish Council. In this case the September minutes were approved at the meeting of 16 October.

If Mr Webb is really sincere in wanting everyone to pull together to try and resolve the HGV problem in the village he should act upon Margaret Sellars' suggestion and come along to one of the Parish Council's monthly meeting to discuss the issue face to face rather than hiding behind illinformed and misleading letters to the Bar Hill News.

John Doland

Parish Councillor

Robin Close

more letters on page 5 ➔

Bar Hill Village Hall

We will be having a Family Disco on NEW YEAR'S EVE again this year and tickets are available NOW!! Please contact the Hall, Iain Martin or the Sports & Social Club. Prices are £8 Adults and £2 children. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles. **PLEASE get your tickets early as there is only a limited number.**
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And	Tae Kwan Do (martial arts) 6 pm—9 pm	
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Sunday	Bingo—7 pm—9.30 pm	

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I look forward to seeing you somewhere in the Village Hall soon.
Iain Martin

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RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BUNTY WATERS

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I would like to wish all residents a **very happy Christmas and New Year** and thanks for all the support, questions AND suggestions given throughout the year.
Bunty Waters
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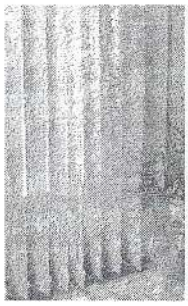

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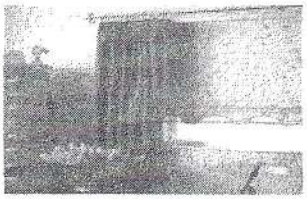

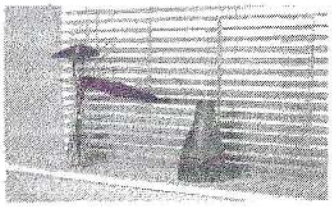

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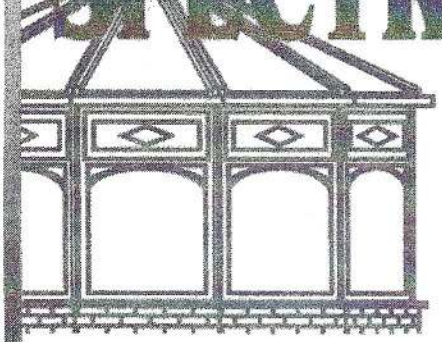

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Dear Editor

I should like to thank Rod Bishop for his kind comments regarding my litter-picking on the perimeter road. Yes, it is voluntary and yes, I do sometimes run out of daylight.

I tend to patrol the section of road that I see on my way to work but I am not the only one who picks up litter voluntarily. I have met a number of others on my travels. I'm sure they would agree that we are very fortunate in Bar Hill to enjoy so much attractive green space – both grassland and woodland. In cherishing it we are able to give something back.

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Report by County Councillor John Reynolds

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Very good progress is being made on the laying of the guideway. Culvert construction between Swavesey and St Ives continues. Widening of Milton Road has been completed and traffic has been switched over to allow work on the new parapet required to protect the underpass. Longstanton junction is complete. Junction work at the A1096 in St Ives will start in very soon. The junction has been simplified so that most of the work will be off line. A road closure will not be required. The River Great Ouse Bridge at St Ives is now structurally complete and is just waiting for its waterproofing. The bus companies have now placed their vehicle orders and confirmed their planned services. Local bus operators have ordered single and double decker buses. These vehicles are to a very high specification, which includes fuelling by bio-diesel made from food waste. They will have engines that meet the Euro 5 emission standard and will thus be cleaner than any bus currently operating in the County.

MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN

The consultation has now concluded. Locally these two issues raised the most interest; Recycling centre for South Cambs (44) and Support for the Preferred Option position on proposals at Milton (30)

John Reynolds

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OUT AND ABOUT!

Our Under 13 boys were invited to watch Cambridge City and the whole team decided on the man of the match. Mark Smith receives his Man of the Match award from Bar Hill Under 13's

The following day, the Rangers were involved in a game of two halves against Littleport. **Dan Paine** opened the scoring with a headed goal, and following some excellent passing, **Dan Virgo** found the back of the net. Again after some good one touch passing, **Matt Child's** broke through the defence scoring on both to make it 4 – 0 at half time. The Rangers had to work extremely hard in the second half to retain their lead. Fantastic work from **Dan Swanser, Ashley Skelton** and **Chris Graham** at the back earned Bar Hill a 4-2 victory. **Luke Thomas's** confident defending earned him Man of the Match.

NAIL BITER FOR RAVENS

Gamlingay 3 - 4 Bar Hill Ravens

Three goals in the last seven and a half minute period against Gamlingay, saw the Under 8's good run continue with a 4-3 win, making it four wins out of five. Since losing their first game against a well-organised Caldecote team, the Ravens have come back with wins against Cambourne, Hardwick and Foxton. However, it looked like some complacency had set in and the Ravens found themselves a goal down after the first 15 minutes. A goal from **Harry Sargent** levelled the scores, but even an outstanding performance in defence from **Erin Fox** couldn't stop Bar Hill from going 3-1 down with the final seven and a half minute period left. The Ravens came out a different team for the last period and seemed to step up a couple of gears that proved too much for the Gamlingay defenders to handle. **Harry Sargent** scored two more to complete his hat trick and then **Jon Leggett** rounded off a good personal performance by scoring the winner.

EAGLES FLYING HIGH

Bar Hill Eagles 10 – 1 Over Sports

Bar Hill Colts notched up their best win of the season thanks to an inspirational team performance. **James Bacon** dominated mid field breaking through and hitting 7 goals with **Joe Leland** picking up 2 strikes and a well executed finish saw **Jamie Bladen** hit the net as well.

Phillipa Hayden-Evans, Teegan Hayden-Smith and **Harry Cook** were all solid in defence **Toby Purton** in mid field, and **Jacob Sloane** who stood in at the last hour to keep goal making some great saves in the final quarter of the match.

UNDER 17s REACH SEMI FINAL

Bar Hill had already seen off local rivals Cottenham (10-0) to set up a quarter final tie away at one of the top A-League sides, **Spartak 78.**

But it was soon clear that Bar Hill had more than bridged the gap between the two divisions as they commanded the game from the onset with some excellent free-flowing football.

Despite the heavy conditions, the ball was always on the move, being worked throughout the team from back to front, and side to side, setting up a string of half chances.

But the Spartak defence stood resolute until the 38th minute, when a superbly taken corner from **Jake Crick,** allowed **Liam Croft** to nod home at the far post.

Five minutes later, after **Josh White** had made another surging run down the left, the ball fell to **Ben Yeomans** just inside the box and he promptly poked it home to put Bar Hill 2-0 ahead.

However a minute later, Spartak mounted a brief rally with a long ball, to make it 2-1, just two minutes from the interval. Bar Hill once again came out strongest in the second half, creating a series of opportunities, before **Liam Croft** headed home his second from another **Jake Crick** corner with 15 minutes to go.

Final Score Spartak 1 – 3 Bar Hill

UNDER 11s INTO NEXT ROUND

Goals from **Kieran Naylor** and **Adam Cheesley** ensured a draw with St Ives Rangers. However, Bar Hill made it through to the next round with an exciting 7-6 victory on penalties. **Taylor Sparkes** received man of the match with good goalkeeping and saving 4 penalties.

ADULTS FOOTBALL CLUB

After a bit of a stuttering start, all three of our teams are now getting back on track, and performing well. On the entertainments front we have two great nights out planned. The first is the annual Christmas get together, when we are planning a **CURRY NIGHT** at SPICELAND. Tickets are **£30.00** per person, but this includes travel, food and drink.

And on **31 January** we are all going off for a night of **GREYHOUND RACING**. Tickets for this are only **£25.00**, which includes food, entry, coach, a couple of drinks. Both events have limited places, so BOOK NOW with your manager to be sure you don't miss out!!

Our thanks to **Richard Page**, who has very kindly organised and set up our very own website. For adults teams go to www.barhill-football.org.uk

FINALLY

Congratulations to both Raiders boys – **Olly Eden** and **Tommy Dalton** - upon their selection for the Under 12 Representative Colts team for the season

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Severe weather
In severe weather collections may be later than usual. We will complete collections as soon as we can. Please call 08450 450 063 for more information.

Bin not collected?
Call 08450 450 063 on the day the bin should have been collected, or by 3.30pm the following day.

Recycling tips
Cardboard – take large boxes to your local household waste recycling centre. Flattened boxes can be put into your green bin.

Christmas cards – WH Smith, Tesco, TK Maxx and Marks and Spencer will take your cards, giving a donation to The Woodland Trust, or you can put them in your green bin.

Christmas trees – real trees can be added to your green bin as long as they are cut up and the lid still closes. You can also take trees to your local household waste recycling centre for composting.

Wrapping paper – try to buy recyclable paper or reuse it. Thicker, better quality paper can be recycled, but thinner paper can't. If in doubt please dispose of it in your black bin.

For more information contact communications on (01954) 713262 or email communications @scambs.gov.uk

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New Year's Eve and Day - closed

BIN COLLECTION DATES

3 December	Black bin
10 December	Green bin and boxes
17 December	Black bin
24 December	Green bin and boxes
31 December	Black bin
7 January	Green bin and boxes

Bar Hill Library Storytime for children under 5
Saturday 6th Dec. 10.30 –11am

Storytime Christmas Party
Tuesday 9th December 2-3 pm

Come and join in the fun - wear fancy dress if you wish!
This will be the last session for 2008
Storytime will restart on Saturday 3rd Jan 2009
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
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From Diana and John Reynolds
Goodbye from trainee Guide Dog Lacey

I expect you have seen Grandma and Granddad out without me lately looking rather lonely. That is because I have gone to guide dog college in London. My trainer is very nice: she is called Emma. She trained Farley, one of grandma's earlier dogs: he is working in London so I hope I do as well as he did. Before I went away grandma took me to stay with auntie Debbie and her little toy poodle Bridie who is my very best friend. We went out to some lovely places and chased each other till we were exhausted. I still cannot understand why Bridie can run out through the cat flap, because only my head goes through, so I had to shout to Grandma to open the door for me.

The day before I went away was a bit strange. I thought Grandma was a bit sad but we did all our favourite things together so we had a lovely day. In the evening I had a snooze on the pretty rug grandma had made, when I woke up I decided to see if it was tasty. The next thing I knew I had made a huge hole right in the middle of it. When grandma saw it she said "Oh dear what have you done?" Then she gave me a big cuddle and I licked her to say sorry. I had a lovely time in Bar Hill and miss all my friends but it is very nice in London and I get to play with lots of other trainee guide dogs. We do have to work hard to learn our new job but our trainers make it fun and if we do really well we get a special treat and a big fuss which is lovely.

Hello to our expected new puppy, which, all being well, will arrive on 10th December. The puppy is a little golden retriever bitch called Darcy. We can't wait to meet her and introduce her to everyone.

Lacey

Girlguiding UK

What is Girlguiding in Bar Hill?

Girlguiding in Bar Hill is a fun and exciting place to be where girls of all ages enjoy a variety of programmes and activities.

Who are we?

Rainbows are 5-7 year old girls
Brownies are 7-10 year old girls
Guides are 10-14 year old girls

Where and When we meet?

Monday: **Rainbows** 6.00-7.15 pm at Meetings Room, Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Tuesday: **Brownies** 6.30-8.00 pm at Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Wednesday: **Rainbows** 6.00-7.15 pm at Meetings Room, Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Wednesday: **Guides** 7.30-9.00 pm at Meetings Room, Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Thursday: **Brownies** 5.45-7.15 pm at The Studio, Bar Hill School

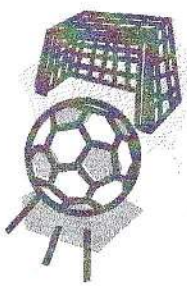
Our volunteer leaders put together exciting programmes for the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Leaders are 18 plus – New adults always welcome!!!

2nd Bar Hill Brownies

Girls from 2nd Bar Hill joined with Over Brownies for a Pack Holiday at Houghton Chapel Centre and two girls gained two interest badges at the Brownie Airport day when they travelled the world doing various international activities. We made pies and toffee apples and made an autumn collage for their Seasons badge. Six girls will be getting enrolled next week and we will be finishing the term by doing our Agility badge and Christmas activities and going Iceskating in Cambridge.

If you would like to join us contact Philippa Gebrekiros – 01954 270275 – email pah41@cam.ac.uk

Football Project



The pitch is suitable for football and many other sporting activities such as mini tennis, hockey, bowls, volleyball and multi sports - it's a great venue for birthday parties. If you wish to find out more about hiring the facility then contact our Bookings Secretary, Julie Marin on 781838.

The officers of the Management Committee are:

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Membership is £7.50 per person for the year and people under 18 are free.

For more information and a further list of our walks, please contact the Secretary, Eileen Marsh on 01223 262940 or email eileen@thecovert.fsnet.co.uk

Date of walk	Leaders
07/12/08	Janet & Brian Brian 07748 928846 Janet 07980 940583

Kingston, approx 5 miles circular taking in Eversden woods, Bourn Golf Club and part of Peddars Way

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Friends of Bar Hill Library

The Christmas Coffee Morning will be on **4 December** 10 am to 12 noon when everyone is most welcome. The Christmas Book Sale will be held on **6 December** 10 am – 12 noon. Please check with the library staff or the Bar Hill News for dates of future book sales. The winter social for the Friends of Bar Hill Library will be held on Friday **16 January 2009**. Invitations will be delivered before the end of the year.

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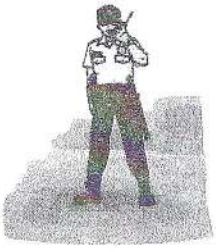
In any telephone conversation, don't give out personal details unless you are absolutely sure of the person you are speaking to. And avoid answering any personal questions about yourself unless you are well acquainted.

Step 2: Don't respond
If you receive a malicious or abusive call don't respond. Any type of strong reaction is what the caller is after. Instead, leave the phone unattended for a short while, then simply hang up.

Step 3: Keep records
If the calls persist make a record of when they occur to see if there is a pattern. It will also be useful when reporting the offence. Try the Call Return function on your telephone to trace the abusive calls. This can be done by dialling 1471. But it is likely that the caller has blocked their number to prevent identification.

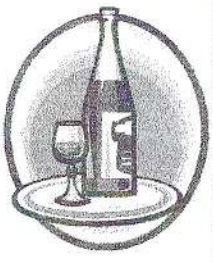
Step 4: Inform the authorities
Report any suspicious calls to your telephone service provider - they will have a policy for dealing with it. They may even be able to identify the number and bar it. If the calls are persistently abusive, or if your service provider recommends it, notify the police. Abusive and malicious calls are a criminal offence and will be treated as such.

Step 5: Prevention measures
Don't leave your name and number on your answering message. The caller should know who you are and will leave their details for you to return the call. And never give the impression you are away from your home for a long time, just that you are unavailable at the moment is a far safer option.



You can contact your neighbourhood policing team on 0845 456 456 4. We welcome your feedback and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible. Please be aware that responses may take longer at times of high demand.

Sports and Social Club



For up to date information on what's happening at the Social Club visit www.bhssc.org.uk or ring 781881.

Bar Hill Childminders

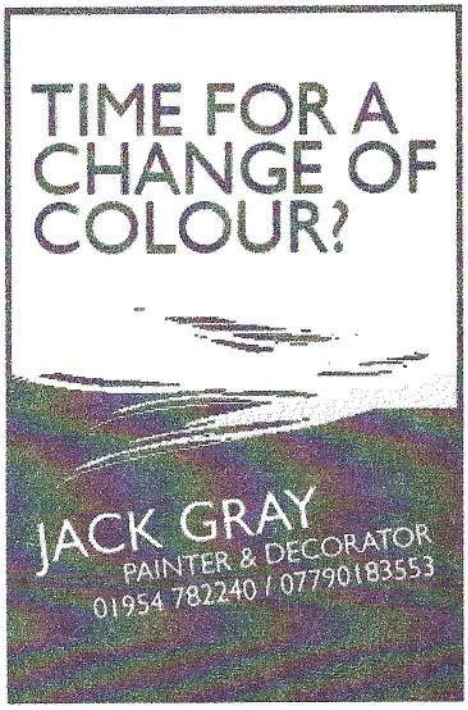
Thinking of going back to work or fancy some 'me' time? Then why not leave your child in a friendly family environment with a childminder who is registered with Ofsted, is an NCMA member and fully insured. We offer a wide range of activities including trips to parks and toddler groups, crafts, music, stories, cookery and much more!
Come and meet us at **Coffee and Kids** in the Octagon on Thursdays between 10.00 am and 11.30 am for a coffee and a chat.

Childminders with current vacancies are:-

Melanie	Call for more details	204496
Terri	Part Time	780458
Karen	Part Time 0-5 and before/after school 781151	
Sharon	Full and Part Time	07800935263
Jacky	Part Time	780249
Kirsten	Full and Part-Time (0-5 and 5-8) 200228	

Coffee and Kids

Run by Bar Hill Childminders for parents/carers/ childminders of babies and pre-school children. Come and join us on Thursdays (term time only) in the Octagon (Church buildings) from 10 am – 11.30 am. £1.80 per adult. Price includes coffee/tea/hot chocolate for adults, soft drinks and healthy snacks for children. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys and a safe soft play area for babies. Call Debbie on 201739 for more details.



Little Acorns Pre-school.

Little Acorns is situated in the SPARC building next door to the primary school. We are open every day, both morning and afternoon. A lunch club session is also available each day. Our opening times are 9-11.30 am and 12.30- 3 pm. Children may attend from their second birthdays.

We provide a variety of learning experiences, both indoor and out. Children are encouraged to be creative, and to explore and investigate the things in their world. All of our staff hold a childcare qualification and are trained in first aid and child protection.

We offer a 'places for all' policy. Every year we offer free or subsidised places to a number of families. If you feel that you would like to speak to us about this, we would love to hear from you. Please phone Sally on 201074 or drop in anytime. If you would like to book sessions please ring Gail on 203229 or on our pre-school number 07851803083.

We will be holding regular open days at the start of each term for our new starters (who will receive an invitation nearer the time). If you are interested in coming to look around too, please phone us to book your place, or if you would like us to send you some information and a registration form. Alternatively you may prefer to e-mail us at s.gedny@ntlworld.com

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Clean water, not too much to hope for;
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Well, we can keep our eyes upon the skies,
And see how the time goes by;
Or we can find our fears among the tears
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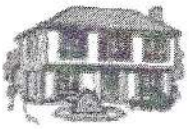

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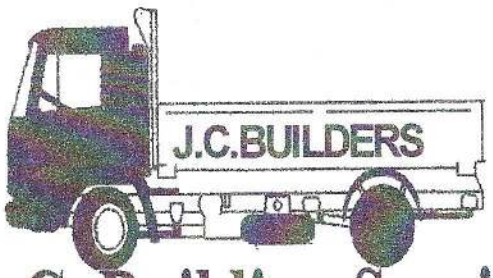

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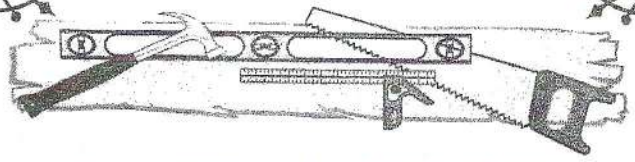

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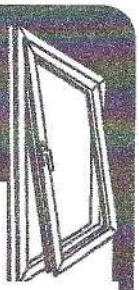

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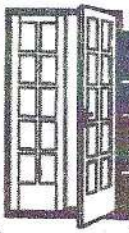

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The 26 letters of the alphabet appear at least once in the names of 9 types of people. Can you find them? Reading forwards, backwards, vertically or obliquely.

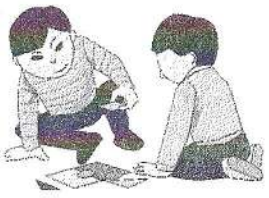
ANAGRAM
PATROL CUT

Did you get the answers from November's wordsearch?

Delacroix, Freud, Goya, Holbein, Jawlensky, Lippi, Millais, Titian and Velasquez

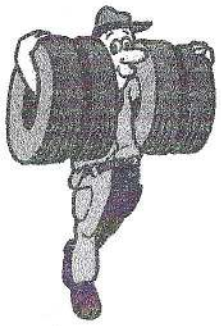
Anagram: Gericault

Parent and Toddler Group



Bar Hill parent and toddler group is a welcoming and friendly charity group run by a committee of parents to provide play and socialising for children (and parents) from 0-4 years of age. The sessions run Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.45 to 11.15 am during term time and are held in the Octagon. Both sessions provide a wide range of activities which include arts and crafts, puzzles, dressing up, role play and a wide range of outdoor toys (weather permitting).
The cost of each session is £1.90 for the first child and £1.00 per sibling up to a maximum of £3.00 per family or childminder. Under ones are free if accompanied by an older child. This fee includes refreshments for both parent/carer and children.
For any more info' please call Hanna on 200232 or Lisa on 201902.

COUNTY COUNCIL NEVER TIRES OF RECYCLING!



Used car tyres are being given a new lease of life as the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway adds to its green credentials. To provide the Guideway with good drainage shredded tyres are being used to fill 40,000 cubic metres of space between the tracks. A mixture of soil, seed and ballast will then be added to help the grass grow. Approximately 45 used tyres are needed per cubic metre for drainage - in total around 1.8 million tyres will be recycled and used for the construction of the Guided Busway. European laws mean that standard tyres - which do not decompose - cannot be left in landfill sites and now have to be recycled.
This news comes shortly after Stagecoach's announcement that their new fleet of buses for the Guideway will run on 100% biofuel from sustainable recycled food waste.
John Reynolds

YOUTH "IMMOBILISED"

Earlier last month a youth was stopped and searched and found to be in possession of a mobile phone that had been reported stolen during August. The phone had been registered with 'Immobilise' and has now been successfully reunited with its owner. The youth experienced our hospitality at Parkside police station!

To protect your property, register free on-line any valuables that have a unique serial number such as mobile phones, laptops, i-pods, bicycles and cameras at www.immobilise.com.

Tai Chi – Beginners Class

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Bar Hill Primary School
Thurs 7.30 to 9.30pm - £6 per class

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Bar Hill Parish Council
Parish Council Offices
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Tel: 780456
Email: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com

Parish Council Web Site – www.barhillpc.org.uk. This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

Bar Hill Memorial Garden

Some residents may be aware from past correspondence that Bar Hill Church and the Parish Council are trying to establish a Memorial Garden between the Octagon site and the Parish Council Office. This is still in the development stage although meetings have already taken place to get the project off the ground.

It has been suggested that the design should be done by members of the PTA at the Primary School and Rev Ruth Adams will be contacting the school in the near future to see if this could be done.

What we do need however, are **volunteers to join a Working Party, to get this project started** by the spring of next year. The ground works will be organised by the Parish Council, as we already have contractors on our books that are experienced in this field and I will be sending out for estimates in the next few days. We have also had interest shown from Happy Hours who will be happy to do a little "garden maintenance" once the garden has been established.

We need ideas people. Do you fit the bill? Please contact me at the Parish Council Office (01954 780456 or email bhillpc-1@btconnect.com) if you would like to join our little group.

For all you regular walkers out there

The County Council has produced a Countryside Access Map entitled "Walks and Rides around the Northstowe Hundred". A very interesting history of the local countryside and lots of pleasant walks and bike rides for you enthusiasts. If you would like a map please call in to the office as I have been given a substantial supply.

Police Surgery

The surgery for December will not be taking place due to holidays. These will resume in January 2009.

Parish Council Meetings

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 18th December at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public are welcome to attend. May I take this opportunity of wishing all our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Streetlights: 0800 253529 give the CC No. (written on post).
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County Council (damaged paths and roads): (01223) 717111

Leigh Baffa
Parish Clerk
Tel: 01954 780456
Email: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com

Bar Hill The Playstation Out of School Club

SPARC Building, Gladeside
Tel: 07883 739368 during Club hours

We are situated in a purpose built building next to the School, with direct access from the playground. We provide Childcare for children aged 4-11 in a safe and caring home-from-home environment, with trained and experienced staff.

Our sessions provide the children with a wide range of activities from pool to computer games, dressing up to craft, and lots more or, if they wish, they can chill out on our comfy sofas. We can also use the safe environment of the school playground for outdoor activities.

During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc – as it is their Club, they even chose its name. The children are given a snack, such as pasta or filled pittas, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. We also make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which are shared.

We are registered with OFSTED, and we accept employers' childcare vouchers.

Session Times

After School 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday – Friday
School Holidays 8.15 am – 6 pm Monday – Friday
Closed on Bank Holidays

Hiring

These rooms are now available for hire to the community, at the discretion of the Committee. If you would like to hire The Playstation rooms please contact Patsie on 201079. If you would like to hire the pre-school room please contact Janine Swanser on 203095 or 07851803083. The kitchen and garden areas may also be hired out for an additional charge.

The current charges are:

	Charge/hour	Fixed price
Little Acorns main room	£7.50	
Playstation main room	£7.50	
Kitchen		£10
Garden		£10

There is a minimum hire charge of £25.

We currently have some vacancies, both after school and during the holidays. If you would like more information, an information pack or to arrange a visit, call Patsie on 201079 or 07921 541549.

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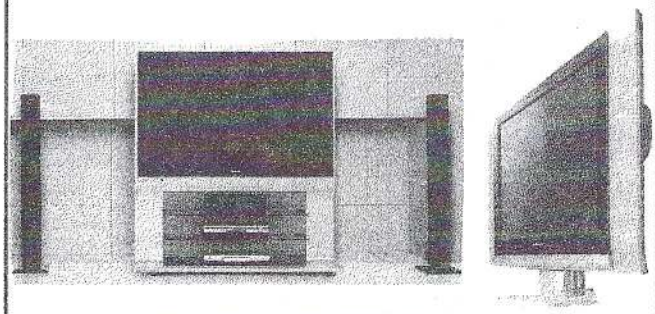

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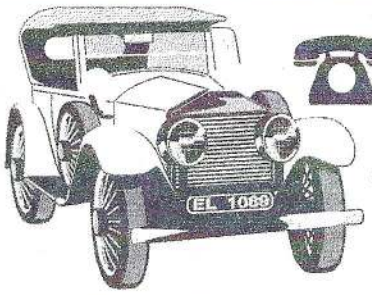
Should you require any further details please do not hesitate to call Amanda Bishop on 07903806750



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Read through Wednesday 7 January 2009 7.45 p.m. when we will be welcoming new-comers with a glass of wine and nibbles, during the break.

Wednesday 21 January 7.45 **Weekly rehearsals** commence.

If you would like further information, please contact Wendy Lowe (01832 293422), Christine Turner (01954 201218) or Olive Swain (01954 232985).

We shall look forward to seeing you.

Bar Hill School

We are now aiming for our SILVER Eco award! After successfully gaining our Bronze award at the end of last year, we have decided to work towards the Silver award. This will involve the children learning about ways they can help the school and their parents become more environmentally friendly. This should be fun and informative. Year 6 have already begun to think about becoming more aware of the amount of water they use following a visit from the Anglian Water Bus. Captain Splash told us to drink plenty of water but not waste it either!

Help still needed to run the garden!

Following the success of the school garden this summer, we aim to grow more next year. If you have room in your greenhouse to plant seeds and grow them on to seedlings then please let us know.

Year 6 have been learning to learn!

On Monday 10th November, Year 6 were involved in a conference at school. They thought about how their brains worked, what sort of learners they are and were given tips for revision and homework. It was hard work but fun – especially sharing a buffet lunch together.

A special invitation to the Christmas Café!

Wednesday **17th December**, 3.30 pm – 5 pm

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The aim of Bar Hill Pre-School is to provide high quality care and education by focusing on each individual child's ability, encouraging their development through Birth to Three matters and progressing to the foundation stage curriculum.

Our main emphasis is learning through play.

Your child will be able to explore a variety of activities in an educational setting required by OFSTED. Our experienced, qualified Early Years team Sonya, Karen, Sarah, Pauline, Jacqui, Emma, Clare and Claire supervise our sessions.

Our Key worker system enables the early years team to meet the needs of each individual child through planning their own individual educational plan and next steps.

Subsidised places

We offer reduced sessions rates for parents/carers on Income Support/Working tax credit. We also accept child care vouchers from your employer.

Early Years Funding

We can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible, currently the term after their 3rd birthday.

Play Tots Session

9.15 - 10.45 Tuesday

This is our session for babies to Pre-School with Emma our Birth to Three Co-ordinator. We have lots of fun and a large selection of activities, including our new soft play den and toys especially for the tots. Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

Rising 5's session

This session is for children in their final year at Pre-School. This is a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

Session Times

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	Play tots	12.30 - 3.00
Wed	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Friday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00 (rising fives)

We offer a lunch club 11.30 - 12.30 daily

For more information please contact the Pre-School direct on (01954) 782892 during session times or feel free to pop in and see us.

Alternatively contact Sarah our session allocation Co-ordinator on (01954) 781871 before 7 pm weekdays.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our October meeting was our AGM at which the following year's Officers were elected. Our Poppy Collection has gone well and the Committee wish to thank all those who helped with the Cenotaph Dedication, the collection outside Tesco's and the erection, dismantling and storage of our equipment. We also wish to thank Mr and Mrs Hubbard for volunteering to count the money received on an almost daily basis, The Reverend Ruth Adams for an inspired Remembrance Service and to the Uniformed Organisations who supported us on Remembrance Sunday.

If there are any Family or Parents of serving members of the Forces who live on the village could they please contact our Honorary Secretary (name and address and telephone number given later) . Our meetings are the 4th Thursday of each month at 8 pm in the Meetings Room in the Octagon and we would welcome any new members so that we can carry on our good work.

Mary Shubotham, (Hon Sec)
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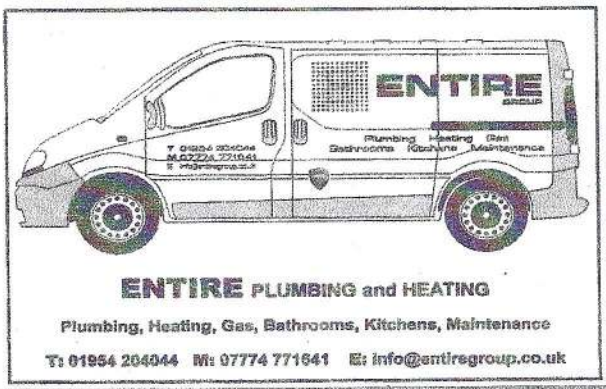

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And guess what, ladies? I'll bet your purse is still in the car. So now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys. Your home and your whole identity are now compromised!

BEWARE OF THIS NEW SCAM THAT IS NOW BEING USED

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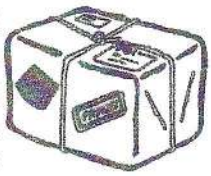

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Answers for November

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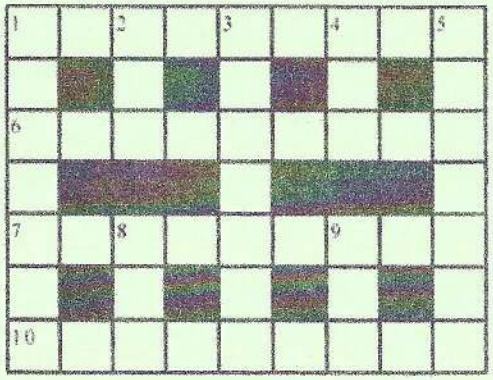
Down 1- antoine. 2- ado. 3- de saint. 4- nee. 5- exupery. 8- she. 9- ali.



Clues for December

Across 1-praise the Lord. 6- Yuletide plant. 7- memories. 10- December festival.

Down 1- calendar. 2- fleur de ---. 3- language of lowland Scotland. 4- before all others (abbrev .) 5- sounds like an ass. 8- title. 9- use to fasten parcels.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church -

Services for December 2008

A modern church for a modern village. Please join us on a Sunday to find out what happens inside; you will be made very welcome.

Wednesday 3rd	6:30 pm	Guiding Christmas Service
Sunday 7th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Gift and Crib Service
	6:30 pm	Evening Service—Rwanda
Sunday 14th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	Mission-Shaped Prayer
Monday 15th	10.00 am	Pre-school Service
Wednesday 17th	10:30 am	Senior Citizens Carol Service
Sunday 21st	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	Village Carol Service
Wednesday 24th	4:15 pm	Christingle Service
Christmas Eve	11.00 pm	Midnight Communion
Thursday 25th	10.00 am	Family Communion
Christmas Day		
Sunday 28th	10.00 am	All-Age Worship
	6:30 pm	Holy Communion

There is also a Roman Catholic Mass on Saturday evening at 6.00 pm in the Octagon

People to contact:

The Minister	Rev Ruth Adams	Tel: 78936
Church Centre Manager	Helen Cook	Tel/Fax: 206120

.Websitewww.barhillchurch.com

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs
Hills Road, Cambridge
(The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr Tony Rogers	Tel: 01223 350787
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Local contact:	Bunty Waters	Tel: 201421

Mass at Bar Hill Octagon Saturdays: 6 pm First Mass of Sunday

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8 am and 12.15 pm
Tuesday	8 am and 7.30 pm
Saturday	6 pm First Mass of Sundays

Also 5 pm at The Ark, Cambourne, and 6 pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

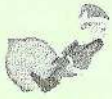
Tuesday	6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday	10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday – copies are available in the Church Centre.

WHAT'S ON?

December

4th	NWR – Classical composers
4th	Coffee Morning – Library
6th	Book Sale – Library
6th	Storytime (under 5's) Library
9th	Storytime Christmas Party
12th	Open Evening – Scouts
17th	Christmas treats – School Café
18th	NWR - Techno-free games
18th	Parish Council meets
24/25	**Father Christmas comes!!**
31st	Family Disco—Village Hall



January 2009

4th	Children's Disco—Village Hall
7th	Read through—HALLO DOLLY—Over
8th	NWR – Wine tasting
8th	Tai Chi – Beginners Class starts
24th	NWR – Hat Debate
22/24th	Robinson Crusoe Panto Swavesey

February

5th	NWR – Mothers

Happy Hours
The Recycled Youth Club

As we approach December may I wish all of our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May all your troubles be few.

We are in for a very busy time at the Club with our annual Birthday Party being held on Monday 17 November followed by our annual Christmas Lunch at the Menzies Hotel on Monday 11 December.

Speakers At the end of October we had a visit from Frazer Rogers, a member of the management team at Addenbrooke's Hospital, who spoke to us about the beginnings and future of the hospital. It was named after Dr Addenbrookes, a local man who died in 1719 leaving £4,000 (a fortune in those days) to open a hospital for the community. Eventually a suitable, large house was found in Trumpington Street and was opened as the first hospital in 1766. This was expanded in 1820 to treat more patients and in 1865 the hospital was rebuilt with an open-air ward. At the beginning of the first World War a side building was opened as an outpatients' department. During the second World War the number of patients doubled between 1939 and 1945. In 1951 a new 90-acre area formed the site of the present hospital, which was opened in 1960 by Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by the Rt Hon Enoch Powell the then Health Minister. In 1984 the old Addenbrooke's Hospital was closed and it is now part of a large block of offices. The present hospital includes many university and associated buildings and has a total staff of some 7,000. More ground has since been acquired and will be taken over by the Papworth Hospital which will have completed its move by 2012. A helicopter pad is being prepared and will open shortly. It was an excellent talk with slides depicting the changes that have been made over the years.

Outings On Wednesday 29 October we had a trip around the Fens, accompanied by Mark Petty who gave an excellent talk and pointed out the many buildings, rivers and acres of good arable land which at one time were marsh and under water, and which now form what is known as the Fens. In fine sunny weather we visited many villages and what during the war were airfields. It was explained why the cathedral city of Ely was known as the Isle of Ely, and that many of the small towns were also known as isles, being surrounded by water or marshy ground. Halfway through the morning we called at St Peter's Church in the small village of Wentworth, where we had coffee and biscuits. Then on to the small RAF Museum at Witchford for a quick look around. Many different styles of architecture were pointed out, also different types of brick. We even passed a brick museum. We were told how the fens were drained, of the windmills used to raise water to different levels, and even saw two places where one river passed over another river, both at different levels. Many large manor houses were pointed out and even the ruins of Cromwell's fortifications to defend Ely at the time of the Civil War. At lunchtime we called at the Five Bells pub at Upwell just south of Wisbech for a good lunch. During the afternoon we travelled on to Denver and saw where the Old Bedford River (man made) hundred-foot drain joined the Great Ouse River. During the whole of the trip Mark Petty was pointing out and explaining so many things of interest which normally we would pass by without a second glance.

Competitions At the AGM on Monday 3 November Phyllis James presented plaques to the following winners of this year's competitions: Men's Darts – Fred Styles, Ladies' Darts – Iris Cakebread, Table Tennis – Fred Taylor, Cribbage – George Alderson, Dominoes – Iris Cakebread, Rummikub – Olive Taylor, and Scrabble – Elsie Fisher.

Obituary It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of Mirrian Sanders, after a long illness. Her funeral was held on Friday 14 November at Stevenage.

Sickness I am sorry to have to report that Ernie Arnold has returned home from hospital but is quite ill. He is not likely to be able to attend the Christmas Lunch. We all send Ernie and his wife Beryl our best wishes.

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Raja Iyer

The Residents' Association regrets to report that Raja passed away suddenly on Saturday morning, 15 November. He had been a member of the Association for many years and played a very active role in the life of the village, being Treasurer of the Association at the time of his death. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

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